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MAKING THE SAME

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Sir:

**REQUEST**

The Examiner is requested to confirm in a further communication that the figures filed September 30, 2005, are acceptable or advise the undersigned of any specific objection or rejection of the same.

The present paper is not being filed in response to the Office Action of September 16, 2008. The present paper is being filed as the Office Action of September 16, 2008, does not indicate the status of the indicated filed drawings.

Respectfully submitted,

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